REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have amended the specification and claims.

Claims 1-37 are pending in the application. Claims 9-37 have been renumbered as claims 10-38 in order to correct the misnumbering of two consecutive claims, both numbered claim 9 which apparently occurred during the international stage of prosecution. The claims have been further amended to remove multiple dependencies and to place them in more appropriate form for U.S. practice. The claim amendments are completely supported by the application as filed. Thus, there is no issue of new matter.

The specification has been amended to add Section Headings and a cross-reference to related applications. No new matter has been added.

Applicants attach hereto a paper copy of the Sequence Listing in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R §1.821, a computer diskette containing a copy of the Sequence Listing in computer readable form, and a Statement In Accordance With 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f).

Applicants have also amended the specification to insert sequence identifiers as necessary and to add the attached Sequence Listing as pages 66A-66G into the subject application. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added to the specification.

Entry of this Amendment into the file of the application is respectfully requested. Upon such entry, claims 1-38 will be pending in the application.

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